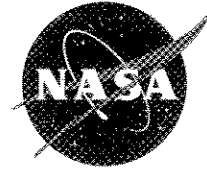


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SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Association of Science Technology Centers (ASTC) Reception on September 29, 2009

On September 29, 2009, the Association of Science Technology Centers (ASTC), a 501(c)(3), non-profit, will host a reception at the Marian Koshland Museum of the National Academy of Sciences, in Washington, DC, from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. This event is to welcome the new ASTC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Anthony (Bud) Rock.

Approximately 195 individuals have been invited to attend the reception. Attendees will include NASA and other government personnel, and also aerospace leaders from the military, industry, academia, and other non-profit organizations. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages is \$40.00 per person. The reception will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congressional staffers, Congress, academia, and other Federal agencies.

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA employees the opportunity to interact with museum leaders and government, nonprofit, corporate and media partners. Accordingly, NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may also accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone